Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Speciality Crops, Orchards, Vineyards

Program:	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: Speciality Crops, Orchards, Vineyards		**Applicant:**
Final Ranking Score:		**Address:**
Planner:		**Telephone:**
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes O or No O
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes O or No O
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes O or No O
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes O or No O
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes O or No O
3. c.Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes O or No O
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes O or No O
4. c.Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes O or No O
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
5. b.Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes O or No O
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes O or No O
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes O or No O

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes O or No O
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes O or No O
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the "EQIP Plan of Operations" result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
2. This application will result in the implementation of all the measures of an existing CNMP or other Conservation Activity Plan. (45 Points)	Yes O or No O
3. This application will result in the following four (4) items implemented as a system on the same land unit in at least 3 consecutive years (50 points) a. (329) - Continuous No-Till meeting the 329 standard; b. (590) - Nutrient Management meeting the 590 standard (No fall commercial nitrogen applications for spring-seeded crops unless an inhibitor is used; DAP and MAP are allowed, but not on frozen or snow-covered ground); c. (340) - Cover Crops (unharvested); d. (327/342/386/390/391/393) - Buffers adjacent to all water bodies and on at least 2% of the land unit acres.	Yes O or No O
4. This application will address a ground or surface water quality degradation resource concern to Planning Criteria in a 303(d) watershed or a watershed with a developed TMDL for non-point source impairment using the FY15 Ranking Tool (Question 4(1) or Question 4(2)). (30 Points)	Yes O or No O
5. Any part of the application acres lies in one or more identified priority resource concern areas listed in the FY11 Indiana State Resource Assessment, as identified through the FY15 Ranking Tool and the application includes practices that will address one or more of those concerns to Planning Criteria. (35 Points)	Yes O or No O
6. This application includes one or more practices that will address an identified surface water quality resource concern to Planning Criteria and is located within a Surface Drinking Watershed Area identified through the FY15 Ranking Tool. (30 Points)	Yes O or No O
7. This application includes one or more practices that address an identified groundwater quality resource concern tp Planning Criteria and the offered acreage is within the Indiana karst region OR the offered acreage contains soils with a Leachability Index of 10 or higher as identified through the FY15 Ranking Tool. (20 Points)	Yes O or No O
8. This application is based on a conservation plan that has been approved by the producer (signed) prior to October 1, 2014. (20 Points)	Yes O or No O
9. This application will address an existing invasives species concern to Planning Criteria and where applicable will occur in concert with neighboring landowners also addressing invasive species. (20 points) a. To receive points for this question, one of the following must apply: i. applicant's treatment area is adjacent to neighboring areas with invasive species concerns, and all parties have a signed Conservation Plan/Forest Management Plan to treat invasive species (314, 315, or 595). ii. applicant's treatment area is isolated from other similar habitat (e.g. wooded area surrounded by crop fields). In these cases, points can be awarded without neighbor collaboration.	Yes O or No O
10. This application will address an existing resource concern to Planning Criteria caused by the production of specialty crops (including USDA Certified Organic). (30 Points)	Yes O or No O
11. This application will address existing resource concerns to Planning Criteria using forestry practices per the Indiana EQIP Guidelines. (20 Points)	Yes O or No O
12. This application will use only wildlife friendly grasses (as identified by the FOTG Standard 645) for	Yes O or No O

vegetative practices. (20 Points)	
13. This application is from an applicant (by Tax ID number) who has not participated in EQIP in the past, or if they have had a prior-approved contract, it is/has been in good standing. (30 Points)	Yes O or No O
14. This application includes less than three (3) contract items OR all practices under contract are scheduled to be completed within two years of the obligation date? (20 Points)	Yes O or No O
15. This application includes one of the following practices: 314, 315, 329, 340, 345, 449, 528, 554, 585, 590, 592, 595, 644 and/or 647, and the applicant (by Tax ID number) has not received EQIP Financial Assistance for the same practice scenario within the last 5 years. (30 Points)	Yes O or No O
16. Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had prior year EQIP, WHIP, or CSP contracts which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years? (-200 Points) a. A violation must be noted in the assistance notes, NRCS-CPA-13, NRCS-CPA-153, or Indiana Corrective Action Plan. A contract cancellation due to documented hardship does not meet this criteria.	Yes O or No O
17. This application includes the practice (798) Seasonal High Tunnel for Crops in the schedule of operations and one or more of the participants (whether as an individual, entity or member of an entity) on the application have previously been approved for an EQIP contract for (798) Seasonal High Tunnel (-150 Points)	Yes O or No O
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1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes O or No O
Local Work Group Identified priorities:	
1. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Bartholomew,Benton,Blackford,Boone ,Cass,Crawford,Dearborn,Decatur,Fayette,Floyd,Fra nklin,Gibson,Greene,Hendricks,Jennings,Marshall,M iami,Montgomery,Owen,Pike,Pulaski,Ripley,Scott,Sp encer,St.Joseph,Sullivan,Union,Vanderburgh,Vigo,W arren,Washington Conc Flow:Dubois,Fountain,Hamilton,Kosciusko,Posey Str eambank erosion:Delaware,Putnam Compaction:Jay,Tipton Or g Matter:Fulton,Grant,Hancock,Harrison,Henry,Knox,La Grange,Madison,Noble Nutrients:Adams,Allen,Clint on,Daviess,DeKalb,Elkhart,Howard,Huntington,Jaspe r,Johnson,Lake,LaPorte,Marion,Martin,Newton,Orang e,Porter,Randolph,Shelby,Steuben,Tippecanoe,Wayne ,Wells,White Sediment:Carroll,Clay,Jefferson,Mor gan,Parke,Perry,Vermillion,Warrick,Whitley Plant Productivity:Brown,Jackson,Lawrence,Monroe Plant Pest Pressure:Clark,Rush,Starke Livestock Water:Ohio,Switzerland 14-digit priority w/s:Wabash-Beargrass Creek (05120104050040)	Yes O or No O
2. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Clay,Clinton,Daviess,Delaware,Foun tain,Hamilton,Harrison,Huntington,Jefferson,Johns on,Knox,Morgan,Posey,Switzerland,Tippecanoe,Vermi llion,Wayne,Whitley Conc Flow:Benton,Hancock,Pike,Union,Vanderburgh,Washing ton Streambank erosion:Franklin,Owen Compaction:Fayette,LaGrange ,Marshall Org Matter:Blackford,Boone,Elkhart,Jasper,LaPorte,Pula ski,Putnam,Rush,St.Joseph,Vigo,Wabash,Warren Nut rients:Bartholomew,Carroll,Cass,Clark,Decatur,Flo yd,Fulton,Gibson,Hendricks,Henry,Montgomery,Noble ,Parke,Starke,Sullivan,Tipton Sediment:DeKalb,Du bois,Greene,Howard,Lake,Marion,Martin,Newton,Ripl ey,Shelby,Spencer,Steuben,White Pathogens:Miami, Randolph Pesticides:Grant, Madison Plant	Yes O or No O

Productivity:Adams,Allen,Crawford,Dearborn,Ohio,Pe rry,Scott,Warrick,Wells Inad. Structure:Porter Habitat Deg:Brown,Jackson,Jennings Livestock Water:Lawrence,Monroe Livestock F/F:Orange GHGs:Jay,Kosciusko	
3. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Adams,Howard,Jackson,Lake,LaPorte, Monroe,Parke,Wells Conc Flow:Crawford,Fayette,Gibson,Harrison,Henry,Marion ,Porter,Warrick Streambank erosion:Carroll,Jennings,Steuben,Wayne Compaction :Allen,Blackford,Boone,Cass,Pulaski,Rush,Union O rg Matter:Benton,Daviess,DeKalb,Floyd,Fountain,Greene ,Hendricks,Marshall,Martin,Montgomery,Newton,Ohio ,Owen,Spencer,Sullivan,Vanderburgh Ponding, Flooding, Seas water table:Starke Nutrients:Clay,Delaware,Dubois,Hanco ck,Jay,Jefferson,LaGrange,Morgan,Pike,Ripley,Scot t,Vermillion,Wabash,Washington Sediment:Bartholo mew,Clinton,Dearborn,Decatur,Elkhart,Franklin,Gra nt,Hamilton,Kosciusko,Madison,Miami,Posey,Switzer land,Tippecanoe,Tipton,Vigo,Warren Pathogens:Ful ton,Huntington Pesticides:Noble,Shelby,White Pl ant Productivity:Knox,Whitley Pest Pressure:Lawrence,Perry,Putnam,Randolph Inad Structure:Brown Habitat Deg:Clark,Jasper,St.Joseph Livestock Water:Johnson, Orange	Yes O or No O
4. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Allen,Henry,Jasper,Newton,Ohio,Sta rke Conc Flow:Carroll,Decatur,Greene,Putnam,Randolph,Ripley ,Sullivan,White Streambank Erosion:Cass,Clark,Jefferson,Rush Compaction:Gran t,Hancock,Lake,Madison,Martin,Noble,Scott,Switzer land,Vanderburgh Org Matter:Bartholomew,Clay,Clinton,Crawford,Delaware, Huntington,Jennings,Parke,Perry,Posey,Steuben,Tip pecanoe,Vermillion,Washington,Wayne Ineff Use of Irr Water:Fulton Ponding, Flooding, Seas water table:Owen Nutrients:Boone,Fayette,Franklin,Hamil ton,Knox,Kosciusko,Marshall,Miami,Monroe,Pulaski, Spencer,St.Joseph,Union,Vigo,Warren,Warrick Sedi ment:Benton,Blackford,Fountain,Gibson,Hendricks,J ohnson,LaPorte,Lawrence,Pike Pathogens:Adams,Elk hart,Wells Pesticides:DeKalb,LaGrange,Montgomery Plant Productivity:Daviess,Floyd,Harrison,Howard,Jay,Ora nge,Wabash Pest Pressure:Brown Inad structure:Whitley Habitat Deg:Marion,Porter,Tipton Livestock F/F:Dearborn,Dubois,Jackson Energy Field Operations:Shelby GHGs:Morgan	Yes O or No O
5. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Brown,Hancock,Marion,Shelby Conc Flow:Clinton,Floyd,Perry,Vigo Streambank Erosion:Tipton Compaction:Adams,Benton,Carroll,Cl ark,Daviess,Harrison,Jackson,Kosciusko,Posey,Spen cer,Washington,Wells,White Org Matter:Decatur,Fayette,Franklin,Gibson,Hamilton,Ja y,Lake,Miami,Monroe,Ripley,Union,Warrick,Whitley use of Irr Water:Newton, Pulaski Ineff Moist mgmt:Boone Nutrients:Fountain,Grant,Greene,Lawren ce,Madison,Ohio,Vanderburgh Sediment:Fulton,Henr y,Huntington,Jennings,Knox,Montgomery,Porter,Putn am,Sullivan,Wabash Pathogens:Jasper Pesticides: Parke,Rush,Starke,Warren Plant prod:Johnson,LaGrange,Noble,Owen Pest Pressure:Crawford,Howard,Jefferson,LaPorte,Marshal l,Orange,Pike,St.Joseph,Tippecanoe Inad. Structure:Vermillion Habitat Deg:DeKalb,Delaware,Scott,Steuben Livestock Water:Clay,Dearborn,Dubois,Wayne Livestock F/F:Blackford,Elkhart,Martin,Morgan,Switzerland P M:Cass GHGs:Allen,Hendricks Odors:Randolph 14- digit w/s:Bartholomew-Little Sand Creek (0512020602)	Yes O or No O
6. Sheet,Rill,Wind:LaGrange,Porter,Steuben Conc Flow:Jasper,Knox Streambank Erosion:Bartholomew,Hamilton,Lake,Starke,White Co mpaction:Clinton,Decatur,Elkhart,Fountain,Fulton, Hendricks,Johnson,Miami,Ohio,Parke,Vermillion,War ren,Whitley Org Matter:Adams,Clark,Dearborn,Kosciusko,Marion,Rando lph,Shelby,Wells Subsidence:Noble ineff use irr water:LaPorte Ponding/Flooding:Spencer,Tipton in eff moist mgmt:Putnam Nutrients:Benton,Brown,Harrison,Jenni ngs,Perry,Posey,Rush Sediment:Daviess,Delaware,F ayette,Jackson,Marshall,Orange,Vanderburgh,Wayne Pathogens:Allen,Jay,Wabash Pesticides:Dubois P lant prod:Boone,DeKalb,Huntington,Morgan,Newton,Sulliva n,Union,Vigo Pest Pressure:Cass,Floyd,Franklin,Gibson,Hancock,Scott inad. structure:Monroe Habitat Deg:Greene,Henry,Howard,Pike,Pulaski,Ripley,Switze rland,Tippecanoe LS water:Blackford,Crawford,Jefferson,Montgomery,Owen ,Washington LS F/F:Grant,Lawrence,Madison,St.Joseph LS shelter:Martin Energy field ops: Carroll PM: Warrick GHGs:Clay	Yes O or No O
7. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Clark,Fulton,Warrick Conc Flow:Clay,Lake,Montgomery,Spencer,Tippecanoe,Wabas h Streambank erosion:Greene,Morgan,Scott,Vigo Compaction:DeKal b,Franklin,Henry,Newton,Steuben,Wayne Org Matter:Brown,Howard,Jefferson Salts:Starke ineff use of irr water:St.Joseph ponding/flooding:Grant,Madison,Mi ami,Ohio ineff. moist. mgmt:Knox Nutrients:Blackford,Dearborn,Whitley S ediment:Adams,Floyd,Jay,LaGrange,Pulaski,Washingt	Yes O or No O

	on,Wells Pathogens:Carroll,Lawrence,Orange,Porte r Pesticides:Allen,Benton,Fountain,Hendricks,Hun tington,Perry,Posey,Tipton,Vanderburgh plant prod:Cass,Decatur,Delaware,Dubois,Jennings,Koscius ko,Putnam,Switzerland,Warren pest pressure:Elkhart,Hamilton,Johnson,Owen inad structure:Martin,Parke Habitat Deg:Bartholomew,Clinton,Hancock,LaPorte,Monroe,She lby LS water:Daviess,Fayette,Jackson,Jasper,Rush,Union L S F/F:Boone,Crawford,Harrison,Marshall,Noble,Pike,Ra ndolph,Ripley Energy Field ops:Marion GHGs:Gibson,Sullivan,Vermillion,White	
	8. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Noble Conc Flow:Grant,Jennings,Madison,Orange,Wayne,Whitley Compaction:Dearborn,Delaware,Gibson,Huntington,Je fferson,Randolph,Sullivan,Tippecanoe,Vigo,Warrick Org Matter:Allen,Dubois,Lawrence,Morgan,Pike ineff use of irr water:Elkhart,Posey,Starke,Steuben ponding/floodi ng:Jackson,Perry,Scott ineff moist. mgmt:Benton Nutrients:Switzerland Sediment:Boone ,Jasper,Rush,Union Pathogens:Howard,Marion Pest icides:Bartholomew,Blackford,Clinton,Henry,Kosciu sko,LaPorte,Pulaski plant prod:Clark,Fayette,Greene,Hendricks,Martin,Ripley pest pressure:Adams,Clay,Fountain,LaGrange,Lake,Newton, Tipton,Warren,Wells inad structure:Crawford,Wabash habitat deg:Decatur,Hamilton,Miami,Ohio,Owen,Parke,Putnam, Vermillion,Washington LS water:Franklin,Harrison,Shelby,Spencer,St.Joseph,V anderburgh LS F/F:Carroll,Daviess,Floyd,Monroe,Montgomery Energ y Equip/Fac:Porter Energy Field ops:Cass,White PM:Johnson GHGs:Brown,DeKalb,Hanc ock,Knox,Marshall odors:Fulton,Jay	Yes O or No O
	9. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Dubois,Grant,Lawrence,Madison,Mart in,Perry Conc Flow:Hendricks,Miami,Warren,Shelby Streambank erosion:Decatur,Jasper,Pulaski Compaction:Jenning s,Monroe,Montgomery,Putnam Ponding/Flooding:Dear born,Delaware,Lake,Pike,Steuben ineff moist mgmt:Kosciusko Nutrients:Crawford,Jackson Sedime nt:Brown,Clark,Hancock,Randolph,Scott Pathogens: Benton,LaPorte Pesticides:Daviess,Howard,Newton, Ohio,Tippecanoe,Union plant prod:Bartholomew,Clay,Elkhart,Fountain,Henry,Parke ,Spencer,Vanderburgh,Wayne,White pest pressure:Clinton,Fulton,Greene,Harrison,Morgan,Swi tzerland,Vermillion inad. structure:DeKalb,Noble,Owen Habitat deg:Allen,Gibson,Jefferson,Johnson,Marshall,Starke LS water:Cass,Floyd,Hamilton,Porter,Ripley,Sullivan,V igo LS F/F:Fayette,Franklin,Jay,Marion,Wabash,Washington Energy Equip/Fac:LaGrange,Orange Energy Field Ops:Boone,Knox GHGs:Adams,Blackford,Huntington,Po sey,Rush,St.Joseph,Tipton,Warrick,Wells,Whitley odors:Carroll	Yes O or No O
	10. Sheet,Rill,Wind:Kosciusko,Orange,Rush Conc Flow:Bartholomew,Dearborn,DeKalb,Martin,Switzerlan d Streambank erosion:Crawford,Miami,Newton,Warren Compaction:B rown,Clay,Greene,Jasper,Porter,Ripley Org Matter:Scott Ineff use of irr water:Knox,Marion,Marshall ponding/flooding:Pulas ki Sediment:Allen,Noble,St.Joseph Pathogens:Cli nton,Ohio,Shelby,Tippecanoe,Tipton,White Pestici des:Clark,Decatur,Fayette,Jay,Owen,Vermillion,War rick plant prod:Blackford,Carroll,Gibson,Hancock,Jefferson,Mo ntgomery,Randolph,Steuben pest pressure:Delaware,Hendricks,Jackson,Jennings,Parke ,Sullivan,Vigo,Washington inad structure:Daviess,Harrison,Howard habitat deg:Benton,Boone,Cass,Elkhart,Floyd,Fountain,Frank lin,Huntington,Lake,Lawrence,Morgan,Posey,Spencer ,Wells,Wabash LS F/F:Adams,Fulton,LaPorte,Perry,Putnam,Union,Wayne, Whitley Energy field ops:Grant,Johnson,LaGrange,Madison PM:Dubois,Hami lton,Starke GHGs:Henry,Monroe,Pike,Vanderburgh	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: **Signature Date:**	**Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:** **Signature Date:**